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In re Application of :
Jan A. Verschoor et al :
Serial No.: 09/696,605 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: October 25, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No.: U013002-9 :

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 21, 2004 and November 19, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on timely filing of new drawings. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history is set forth in the previous petition decision and is summarized as follows: A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and Notice of Allowability were mailed to applicants on June 6, 2002, to which applicants replied by paying the Issue Fee and supplying new drawings on September 12, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated September 6, 2002). The submission also included an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312(a) which was accepted by the examiner who noted the filing of the new drawings on October 18, 2002. The acknowledgement also included a Draftsperson's critique of the drawings indicating that they were not acceptable for various reasons. It does not appear that applicants made any further submission of drawings and a Notice of abandonment was mailed to applicants by the examiner on January 10, 2003.

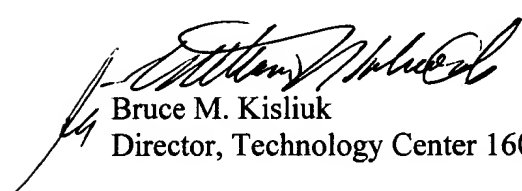
The petitioners argue that the drawings submitted on September 12, 2002, were identical to drawings submitted in a related copending application which issued as US Patent 6,433,013. A comparison of the drawings submitted in this application and the issued patent shows that they are identical, including the photographs. The drawings also appear to be of acceptable quality and to meet the margin requirements and other listed critiques of the draftsperson.. (It is noted, however, that the submission of September 12, 2002, omits Figure 28, a graph, which appears to be of acceptable quality in the originally submitted drawings.

In view of applicants' efforts to provide new and acceptable drawings and since the same set of drawings were provided and accepted in a related application, it has been decided to accept the drawings filed September 12, 2002, and to withdraw the Draftsperson's Notice. In view of this decision the Notice of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to Publications Division for printing as a patent..

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.



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